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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

To: Associate Manager, RF-S, Thru Field Biologist, RF-S

From: Refuge Manager, Back Bay NWR

Subject: Amendment to Deer Hunt Plan

Date: August 9, 1991

This memorandum constitutes a request to amend the Hunting Management Plan (Big Game) at the Back Bay NWR. The amendment has been discussed with Field Biologist Laskowski and is meant to correct a deficiency in the hunter selection process.

According to the Hunting Plan and Annual Hunting Program(s), potential hunters who apply with a partner are supposedly at no disadvantage over single applicants, with regard to probability of being selected. However, as Laskowski points out, in the event a paired applicant is selected for the final spot in any particular zone, it could result in his/her name being eliminated from consideration. This clearly puts paired applicants at a disadvantage.

The solution is to expand by one (1) the hunter density permitted in each zone, only in the event that a paired applicant is selected by the computer for the final spot. Thus, the following hunter densities will be possible, but only under the condition described above:

Zone 1	11 hunters/294 acres = one hunter/26.7 acres
Zone 2	11 hunters/217 acres = one hunter/19.7 acres
Zone 3	11 hunters/314 acres = one hunter/28.6 acres
Zone 4	4 hunters/ 87 acres = one hunter/21.7 acres
Zone 5	3 hunters/ 59 acres = one hunter/19.7 acres
Zone 6	8 hunters/225 acres = one hunter/18.1 acres
Zone 7	17 hunters/686 acres = one hunter/40.4 acres
Zone 8	5 hunters/125 acres = one hunter/25.0 acres

The above hunter densities are all acceptable in terms of safety and are comparable to densities permitted at other refuges in Region 5. Your approval of this amendment is requested prior to the computer selection date of September 16, 1991.

Anthony D. Leger

APPENDIX B.

In the event that a paired applicant is selected by computer lottery for the final spot in any one zone, the following hunter densities may occur, replacing the densities listed in Appendix A. These will be maximum densities permitted and will occur only under the condition noted above. This adjustment is to allow for all potential hunters, paired or single, to have the same probability of being selected by the computer.

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